

A RESOLUTION to honor the Webb School upon its 125th anniversary.

WHEREAS, in 1870, William Robert “Sawney” Webb founded a school in Culleoka, Tennessee to “turn out young people who are tireless workers and who know how to work effectively, who are accurate scholars, who know the finer points of morals and practice them in their daily living and who are always courteous”; and

WHEREAS, he was successful in his efforts to teach honesty, strong work ethics and scholastics, and The Webb School is now a thriving private educational institution, serving more than 245 students in this its 125th year of excellence; and

WHEREAS, at its present location in Bell Buckle, Tennessee, The Webb School is a co-educational, college preparatory school for both boarding and day students in grades 7-12; and

WHEREAS, although the buildings have changed and the curriculum is much more advanced, Old Sawney’s principles are still at the school’s foundation; the school’s motto continues to be “Noli Res Subdole Facere”, the Latinized version of Old Sawney’s famous admonition, “Do nothing on the sly”; and

WHEREAS, the school’s honor system developed by Old Sawney became the basis for honor systems nationwide, including Princeton University, and the honor system is still in place at Webb today as each student signs the Honor Pledge, a pledge not to lie, cheat or steal, at the beginning of each academic year; and

WHEREAS, with a student-to-faculty ratio of 9:1, and an average class size of 13, students at The Webb School are given every opportunity to reach their full potential and virtually all Webb graduates today are accepted at colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, through the years the Webb student body has represented every state in our great nation and more than 35 different countries; among distinguished Webb alumni are governors, including former Tennessee Governor Prentiss Cooper, statesmen, attorneys, doctors, educators, writers, business professionals and journalists; and

WHEREAS, two Webb descendants founded similar fine institutions under the family name with similar educational missions: The Webb School of Knoxville, Tennessee and The Webb School of Clairmont, California; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that as elected representatives of the state of Tennessee, we should honor the good people of The Webb School and celebrate with them as they approach a significant milestone in the school's rich history; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby congratulate The Webb School of Bell Buckle, Tennessee upon its 125th anniversary and commend the school's administration and faculty for more than one century of educational excellence in our state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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